

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING A DATA OBJECT SO AS TO COMPLY WITH PREDETERMINED CONDITIONS
FOR USAGE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 52, additionally comprising~~ A method of controlling the usage by a user of data objects so as to comply with a variable number of conditions for usage of the data objects, comprising:

providing at least two data packages, each data package comprising a data object and a user set of control data, which comprises at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object which complies with the variable number of conditions, the data object and the user set of control data for each data package being encrypted;

decrypting the user set of control data for each data package;

examining the usage control elements of the at least two data packages to find a match;

checking whether a data processor is capable of executing a security procedure specified in a security control element of the at least one usage control element, and disabling the usage when the data processor is not capable of executing the security procedure; and

performing an action being specified in the user sets of control data of the at least two data packages.

55-69. (Cancelled)